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SCHOOL & MASS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 14th March, 2024

S.R.O.No.240/2024— The following draft of certain rules to further amend the Odisha Aided Educational Institutions' Employees Retirement Benefit Rules, 1981, which the State Government propose to make, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 27 of the Odisha Education Act, 1969 (Odisha Act, 15 of 1969), is hereby published as required by sub-section (1) of the said section of the Act, for the information of all persons likely to be affected thereby and notice is hereby given that the said draft will be taken into consideration on or after the expiry of a period of thirty days from the date of publication of the said Notification in the *Odisha Gazette*.

Any suggestion or objection which may be received in the Department of School & Mass Education from any person in respect of the said draft before expiry of the period so specified will be taken into consideration by the State Government.

1. Short title and commencement:- (1) These rules may be called the Odisha Aided Educational Institutions' Employees' Retirement Benefit (Amendment) Rules, 2024.

(2) Save as Otherwise provided in these rules, they shall come into force from the date of their publication in the *Odisha Gazette*.

2. In the Odisha Aided Educational Institutions' Employees' Retirement Benefit Rules, 1981, in rule 3A -

(a) in clause (i), for the words "*The monthly contribution would be 10% of the salary and Dearness Allowance to be paid by the employee and the Government would also provide a matching contribution*, the words "*The monthly contribution shall be ten percent of the Basic Pay plus Dearness Allowance (DA) as admissible to be paid by the employee and fourteen per cent of the Basic Pay plus Dearness Allowance*

(DA) as admissible to be paid by the Government/ Employer." shall be deemed to have been substituted with effect from dated 1st day of April, 2019; and

(b) after clause (iii), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

"(iv) Each employee of the Aided Educational Institution covered under the New Restructured Defined Contribution Pension Scheme (rechristened as National Pension System) shall, at the time of joining in service with usual scale of pay under full Grant-in-Aid direct payment system, exercise his option for availing the benefit of family pension upon his in-service death as per the Odisha Aided Educational Institutions' Employees' Retirement Benefit Rules, 1981.

Explanation:- For removal of doubt, it is hereby declared that the employee of Aided Educational Institutions who are already in service and are covered under National Pension System shall also exercise such option as prescribed.

Provided that the Aided Educational Institutions covered under clause (iv), who do not exercise the option for availing benefit of family pension upon his in-service death as per the Odisha Aided Educational Institutions' Employees' Retirement Benefit Rules, 1981, the claim of his family in the event of in-service death of the employee shall be regulated in accordance with the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015, as adopted vide Finance Department Letter No.13477/F., dated the 3rd May, 2016".

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By order of the Governor

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